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SUBJECT: OPENING STATEMENT AT THE PREPCON

FOR E - SORENSEN FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

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1. I AM GENERALLY PLEASED WITH SUGGESTED DRAFT REFTEL FOR MY OPENING STATEMENT AT THE PREPCON BUT SUGGEST ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS AS DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. I BELIEVE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S KEY ROLE IN THE RESUMPTION OF THIS DIALOGUE SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED. THIS COULD COME IN AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ONE OF PROPOSED TEXT. I SUGGEST WORDS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINE:
"IN SPITE OF THE LACK OF CONCRETE PROGRESS IN OUR INITIAL MEETING IN APRIL, WE DID MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE ISSUES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER INITIATED STEPS TO CLARIFY THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO BUILD A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD. HE ALSO ENCOURAGED AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR RESUMPTION OF THIS DIALOGUE ON A BASIS WHICH HOLDS PROMISE OF POSITIVE RESULTS."

3. FOLLOWING THE ADDITION SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE I SUGGEST
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ANOTHER PARAGRAPH COMMENTING ON MY PERSONAL EFFORTS ALONG THE

FOLLOWING LINES: "DURING THE SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE APRIL MEETING OF THIS GROUP IN PARIS, I HAVE DEVOTED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MY TIME TO VISITING MANY OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING AND IN CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS. THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRANK AND THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OPERATING PLAN WHICH IS THE BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF THIS MEETING. I AM INDEBTED TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT I RECEIVED IN THIS EFFORT."

4. IN THE SEVENTH PARAGRAPH OF THE TEXT PROPOSED REFTEL I SUGGEST REWORD THIRD SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "WE RECOGNIZE THAT WHATEVER DIMINISHES THE ECONOMIC SUCESS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WILL DIMINISH OUR OWN."

5. IN THE ELEVENTH PARAGRAPH OF THE TEXT PROPOSED REFTEL ADD AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE WHICH ENDS WITH THE WORD "PARTICIPANTS" THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SENTENCE: "WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN."

6. IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH DEVELOPED WITH THE FRENCH IN MAKING POSSIBLE PREPCON II, SHOULD'T WE MAKE SOME FAVORABLE COMMENT REGARDING OUR HOST'S CONTRIBUTION EARLY IN THIS STATEMENT?

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